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Those ladies desirous of having the annou

nent of their New Year's receptions appear in this journal will kindly send their own and the names of the ladies assisting them, and address, to the Felitor of Two REPUBLICAN not later than

12 m. Friday night to insure insertion. Any

time earlier will prove acceptable. New Year's Day Receptions.

On next Samrday morning we shall pub i h list of those who will receive their friends on New Year's Day. This list will embrace all those names we are authorized in writing to publish, and will be kept open until 12 o'clock on Friday night, in order to accommolate all desirious of having the announcement made of their receptions. Great pains and care will be observed to make the list complete and satisfactory. We also wish to announce, and the present is as appropriate a time as will be found, that it is the REPUBLICAN'S purpose during the approaching fashionable season to make a specialty of society news, and has perfected arrangements whereby it can furn'sh the public the most complete and reliable in formation of what transpires in society circles this winter. In the furtherance of this purpose we can be materially aided by outside parties giving us a word of information in time. Notices of proposed balls, sociables, private parties, weddings, tableauxs and other enterainments will be thankfully received and prompt attention paid to them.

Kent on Counting the Electoral Vote. Fifty years ago, when the Republic was but half a century old, Mr. Kent, with unbiased

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opinion, said:

The mode of appointing a President presented one of the most difficult and momentons questions that occupied the deliberations of the assembly which framed the Constitution, and if ever the tranquillity of this nation is to be disturbed and its liberties endangered by a struggle for power, it will be upon this very subject of the choice of President. This is the question that is eventually to test the goodness and try the strength of the Constitution, and if we shall be half a century hereafter to continue to able for half a century hereafter to continue to elect the Chief Magistrate of the Union with dis-cretion, moderation and integrity we shall un-doubtedly stamp the highest value on our na-tional character and recommend our republican astitutions, if not to the imitation. the esteem and admiration of the more en-ghtened part of mankind.

The half century of which he spoke has just passed away and we find two great political parties struggling for the mastery over one electoral vote. As he suggested, the question of the Presidency is disturbing the tranquillity of the nation, and the liberties of the people are endangered by a struggle for power. The time has come in which to test the goodness and try the strength of the Constitution, and in which to prove that our national character has value that will be esteemed and must be respected at home and abroad. This question is to be settled by a triumph of constitutional law and respect for historical precedents. It is to be settled by hold and determined action on the part of the Republican Senate in following the spirit of the Constitution and conforming to established precedents. It is to be settled by the President of the Senate, in the presence of the two Houses, counting and declaring the electoral votes in the same spirit and in the same manner as the vote has been counted and determined for nearly a century. On this subject Mr. Kent says: "In the case of questionable votes and a closely contested election, the power of counting the electoral votes may be all important, and I presume in the absence of all legislative provision on the subject the President of the Senate counts the votes and determines the result, and that the Houses are present only as speciators, and act only if no choice be made by the electors." These are the words of an unprejudiced and unbiased mind, which was looking to the interests of the nation, and not to the partisan interests of any political organization. Similar opinions have been rendered by Marshall, Jefferson and Wirt, and the counsels of these men regarding the counting of the electoral vote have been followed since they were expressed as the only wise and safe course to pursue. But at this juncture, when our country is shaken with political complications, we find men willing to rush into greater and more dangerous complexities by attempting to secure some new mode of counting the electoral vote that will be "satisfactory to both parties." Two great parties, with a wide diversity of opinion and different policies, plans and tendencies, cannot and will not be satisfied in times such as the present. In fact, it is dangerous to attempt to secure general satisfaction by changing established custom, and ignoring constitutional law and precedents. Safety lies only in following scrupulously the spirit of the Constitution and the forms of established law. Any other course is beset with dangers which may destroy the peace of the country and demolish national unity. The Republican Party.

The Republican party has fought gigantic battles for sixteen years. It fought them in the name of truth, of freedom, and of equal rights to all. It fought them as only brave men fight-on the battle-field and at the ballot-box. By the unfitnching courage and pluck of the men devoted to its great principles and policy treason was crushed and national unity preserved. When Mr. Tilden and men of his ilk said that a "State has the right to repel coercion, the same as a nation has the right to ignore the obligations of a treaty, and that a Commonwealth has the right to snap the tie of confederation the same as a nation has the right to repel invasion," the Republican party, with the preservation of the national unity as its prime aim, sprang to the front and cried, "The union of States is not a league, but a nation, and such it must and shall be preserved." young Republican party for twenty years has been successfully assaulting the works of the enemies of our common country. Its young men are as devoted now to the principles of freedom, humanity and equality as they ever were, and their faith in the party is just as undying and strong. The men who brought the organization into existence, with all their accumulated wisdom. stand at the helm. Not one jot or tittle of the party glory has faded, not one page of its his tory is dimmed, not one sinew of its giant frame has weakened, not a particle of its unbanding courage and iron will has been lost, and now in all the fullness of its strength and power it proposes to move calmly but determinedly upon the works of the scheming and plotting conspirators who through intrigue and vio-ence, perjury and blood are attempting to rize the glittering prize of national power. this is no time to compromise. When juchanan truckled to traitors he nursed treason and strength med rebellion. There is

so Buchanan at the helm now. There is no thief and traftor standing ready to turn over our munitions of war to other thieves and other traftors. Let this be understood by those who are plotting a revolt against consti tutional authority. Let them ponder well upon the Jangers which beset them before they attempt any revolutionary proceedings through the action of the House or in any other way Let them remember that the battle of the party now in power is for freedom and human ity against disfranchisement and the shedding innocent blood. Let them also remembe that the Constitution and the laws, the hor estly and fairly expressed will of the people acontaminated by fraud or force, the maniand free expression of every American citizen rrespective of race or color, are the principle or which the Republican party is fighting to day. In remembering these things and comprehending their import these conspirators will think no more of war.

Risks We Take in Life.

The startling announcement has recently

een made that during the past sixty years twice as many people have died from laugh ing at comedy and farce than have bee burned to death in burning theatres. Then too, in the serious dramas, we find far more langer, for it is estimated that over two thousand persons have passed in their checks from hypochondria superinduced by witness ing such plays as "Hamlet" "Lear," and "Macheth." This makes the danger from melancholy drama four times greater than that of fire or panic. We acknowledge that being stowed away in an orchestra chair, with no way of making an exit in case of fire except through the main entrance in the rear of the theatre, is uncomfortable; but after all, what is that compared to being a woman, when official figures show that over four thousan of these precious creatures have been choked to death within the past sixty years by swal lowing pins held in the mouth? It makes the danger of death from this cause ten times greater than by theatre fires. Again, it ap pears that eleven million persons have died within the past sixty five years because of disappointed affections. This showing makes falling in love five million times more dangerous than attending the theatre three times a day, and yet how many there are around u who keep right on falling in, as though death were a thing to be sought after and courted. as it were. And when we look at the table o figures again and discover that over 11,000 have been found dead in bed within! this allotted time, we involuntarily exclaim Beware of the bed! Far better had a man walk in his sleep than take to his couch and run 6,000 more chances of being found dead there in the morning, than of perishing i the flames or panic of a theatre. But perhaps, the most important figures ye produced is the fact that 25,000,000 people have died in the past sixty-five years from swallowing too much bad whisky. One will see at a giance that it is 12,000,000 times more dangerous to drink poor whisky than to attend the theatre, and yet we venture to say there are at least three men in this very city who are willing to run the risk and borrow the money to do it on. Taking these thing into consideration, we find that after all there are many things in life more dangerous than risking ourselves inside of the theatres.

Benjamin Hill's Letter.

Mr. Benjamin Hill, of Georgia, has written a letter to the Atlanta Constitution. It is a manly, fearless and strong letter withal. It is letter in which every honest man will recognize a spirit of determination on the part of its author not to be bull-dozed by political fanatics from the bold stand which he has taken in the interest of law, order and peace. Mr. Hill says that the political situation was never so critical as now; that our constitutional system is on a magazine of powder, and ten thousand fools, and some that are not fools, are striking matches all around it. This is very true, and the men who are assaulting Mr. Hill for his position taken in favor of peace are the ones who are striking the most dangerous matches. These men are Northern and Southern In the North crying, "traitor, traitor;" in the South it is shouting, "he never was reliable."
The worst feature of this violent attack or Mr. Hill in the present crisis comes from the press of Georgia. It seems bitterly opposed to his conservative position, and is threaten ing his defeat in the Senatorial 'contest unless he makes a hasty retreat from it. This will have an evil influence on the spirit and action of Southern men who are inclined to be independent, or at least conservative, in their political movements. Unless they are bold and fearless, these violent attacks will intimidate and drive them back into the partisan atmesohere of their party and thus destroy all possibility of obliterating the sectional hate which has existed so long against the dearest interests of the country. Should the bold and manly stand taken by Mr. Hill result in his defeat for the United States Senatorship it is to be feared that the whole force and power of the new movement, looking towards a permanent reconciliation between the North and South will be crushed and its benign influence destroyed. However, Mr. Hill says he is brave enough to want peace, and is willing to abide by a fair constitutional count. If the Democ racy take exceptions to this it will simply be carrying out their present line of policy.

The People's Confidence in General Grant.

The bitter attacks now being made on President Grant by the Democratic press of the North have the same ring as had the assaults this press made upon him when his brave command lay before the embattlements of Vicksburg and Shiloh. But now, as then, he moves on in the path of duty with unswerving tread and determined purpose to battle for the principles of manhood and for manhoo rights in support of the dearest interests of the American people. In speaking of the close of his official career the London Weekly

In his retirement he will find solace for the pub-lic contumely which is the return for his herole ser-vice as a soldier. Time will do him justice. It will probably be over his tomb that the first words of national repeatance for wrong done to this grea-citizen will be heard.

The "national repentance" spoken of in the Weekly will be confined strictly to the worst element in the Democratic party and a small faction composed of disaffected Republican sore heads. The rest of the American people have ever been grateful to him for the price less services which he rendered to his country when he rallied and led a discouraged army, and by his dauntless courage and iron will saved the nation. They are also grateful for the great service he has rendered the country as its Chief Magistrate, and the exhibition of this gratitude during the past six weeks has been marked and unmistakable. It has been shown in the unswerving confidence the American people have in the Presiden during the present crisis. This confidence is not confined to the Republican party; it is with all classes. Men see the necessity of such a man as President Grant in the White House-a patriot of determined will and unfaltering courage. The Republican and inde pendent press are constantly congratulating the nation upon the fact that he is at the helm, and not Public Functionary Buchanan.

Proof of Gross Democratic Intimida tion.

The annexed estimate is interesting. The vote of the Fourth district of South Carolina in the recent election was 7,383 votes more than the aggregate vote of 1870. It was 10,111 greater than the vote of 1872, and 6,664 in excess of that of 1874. Now, where did these extra votes come from? There has been no immigration to that district excepting about a hundred negroes, who sought refuge there from the terror-inspiring Ku Klux of Tennes see and Georgia, all of whom would have voted the Republican ticket if allowed. This gain of nearly 7,000 votes can only be accounted for Ly the practice of the grossest intimidation and fraud, and the wholesale importation voters from North Carolina and Georgia. Can the Democracy of the nation indorse such questionable results?

Speaker Bandall's Last Subpœna. The House instead of retiring promptly and nanfully from the false position which it had taken on the telegraph question yesterday, through Speaker Randall caused to be issued a subpœna against Mr. Orton, commanding him to appear forthwith before the Morriso committee in New Orleans with the required telegrams. Every sensible man in the country, irrespective of party, will denounce this attempt to violate the sacred rights of private

projecty as inexcusable and fraught with reat evil. Sooner or later the House will find its position in this matter wholly untenable, and will be forced by public op! the law and the facts in the case to retire from it. The men who are prosecuting this scheme to destroy the rights of private property are a clique of unreasonable and head ans, who have a point to make, and are willing to make it in the face of justice, reason and law. So far as Mr. Orton is concerns the subporna just issued will be of no avail. He will not answer it, and in taking this course he will have the support and sympath of the whole country without regard to party. The Democratic House will learn in their attempt to destroy the rights of private property that the law and the people are against them, and that they have undertaken an enterprise which will bring them no fruit other than that which is suitable for repentance.

Investigating the Police. An elaborate report of the second days' investigation into the relations between the police and the gamblers, now being conducted by the Police Board, will be found on our first page, and should be read attentively by every phabitant of Washington who desires to know in what manner the paid police officers have protected the city against outrage. It was shown by Mr. Cook's own witnesses that the police have had the mos intimate relations with the gamblers. Members of the detective corps who are under the immediate supervision of the Chief-Major Richards-testified that they had been in the habit of visiting gaming houses and encouraging crime by their presence and patronage They claimed to have done this in their official capacity, but the public will make no distinction between "official" games and any other kind of games. The fact has been established beyond all peradventure that there has been complicity between the police and gamblers. Who can read vesterday's testimony and not feel satisfied that our charges in this respect have been established? So far only the wit nesses introduced by Mr. Cook, the gamblers' attorney and the Chief's defender, have been When the witnesses for the people take the stand the climax will be reached, and rare developments will be in order. Meantime let the old bones prepare for the coming rattle

A LINCOLN hewed rails. A. Hewitt rails WILL the restless Abram Hewitt let-ters

have peace? THE Interior Department provides for squawlid poverty. HAYES will be safely ferried over the agi-

tated political waters. THE chairman of the Judiciary Committee is a P-Knott on the half shell.

As SAN DOMINGO is without a Pres there is a chance for Sammie Tilden. "OFFICIAL GAMBLING" is the very latest

We shall have "official larceny" next. THE Union has boiled it down to the pointthat "the voice of the people is the voice of

THE citizens of Cipcinnati are demandi cheap gas. Why don't they keep Banning at

THE best indication that Tilden does not have much hope of being inaugurated is that he is not preparing his inaugural address.

THE police, in speaking of the contractor and Board of Police's negotiations concerning their new head-gear, laconically remark "he Way nin Detective Miller decline to an

swer the question whether he bad borrowed money from gamblers? Was it because he LET IT BE KNOWN to mankind for all gen erations to come that the two original "Offi.

cial Gamblers" are Detectives McDevitt and THE laboring people of the Southern States practically "live on politics." If they are

they are refused. THE average Democrat who is just now talk ing about "wah" will be found on the background eating pancakes and molasses instead of at the front wrestling with the hard-tack

Democrats they obtain work, if Republicans

THERE IS every probability that the political differences between the two parties will be satisfactorily adjusted in Florida. The vote of the State previously declared for Haves remains unchanged.

CRONIN's mission is ended and Grover's on the way. If a few more subprenaes could be issued we would have the whole of Oregon here, and not really in the way either. They could all put up at the same hotel.

Another large defalcation is announced from New York. This time it is Mr. Otis D. Swan, a man hitherto as highly respected and implicitly trusted as the best known of our Washington bankers. It is useless to moralize. The precise amount of Mr. Swan's theft is not known, but is presumed not to fall short of a quarter of a million of dollars.

WE AGAIN REPEAT the assertion previously made in these columns, that Wm. A. Cook is the attorney for Major Richards and the gambling interest during the present investigation before the Police Commissioners. The public is efficiently and honestly represented by John A. Grow, Esq., in whose hands its interests are perfectly safe. We make this announcement to allay any apprehension that might exist in the minds of hose who have hitherto believed that Colonel Cook was really the people's counsel, as he represents himself.

Ir NOT too late we desire to wish "one" Spofford, Librarian of Congress, a "Merry Christmus." We would also ask him whether he has made any efforts to recapture the following volume, which was stolen from the Library by Representative Fernando Wood, of New York, some time ago : WOOD, (Fernando.)

History of the private, political and official villatnies of Fernando Wood, Svo. New York. [1867.]—Miscellaneous Pamphlets,

ON PAGE 287 of the "Memoirs of General W. T. Sherman," will be found expressed the following pungent opinion of Wade Hampton: "In my official report of this confiagration" (that of Columbia) "I distinctly charged it to General Wade Hampton and confreres. I did so pointedly, to shake the faith of his people in him, for he was, in my opinion, a braggart, and professed to be the special champion of South Carolina."

GEN. J. C. WINSMITH, a prominent member of the South Carolina bar and a leading Republican, in a letter to a Congressman here, thus alludes to the recent election farce in that State: "As far as the election was concerned it was most brutally conducted by the Democracy, not only in the Fourth Congres sional district, but throughout the State. Men who had been reared up to regard the ballot as something sacred, vied with each other in the perpetration of frauds which would bring the blush of, shame to the cheek of even Mexican banditti. May Heaven spare our State from a repetition of the wrongs which were inflicted upon her by Democrati at the recent election."

TURKET has adopted a new constitution which is the most liberal document of the kind that ever came from an Oriental source. The salient points are: Education is made compulsory, cruel and unusual punishments are abolished, the imperial mandate is vir-tually destroyed, religious freedom and the liberty of the press are guaranteed, equal distribution of taxes and special laws for their collection, inviolability of the domicile, equality of all before the law, reformation of the civil service and the right of petition and eligitility to public office, irrespective of re-

New Publications.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

SECOND SESSION. THURSDAY, December 23, 1876, THE SENATE was not in session to day.

House of Representatives.
Bills were introduced by unanimous consented as follows: By Mr. CATE, of Wis.: To amend the act sa-thorizing the reparement of Pennsylvania ave-nue. Referred to the District of Columbia Com-

By Mr. HOOKER, of Wiss,: For improvement f Pearl and Passagoula rivers, in Mississippl of Poarl and Passagouin Heers, in any com-Commerce.

By Mr. DOUGLAS, of Va.: Authorising the Commissioners of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company to dispose of certain real and other property at public or private sale. Select Committee on Freedman's Hank.

Also, authorising the Secretary of the Treasury to buy certain property for the use of the United States. Saine reference.

Mr. LEVY, of La., presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New Orleans for he improvement of the Red river. Commerce. The Bouse then, at 12:19, adjourned until to

POLITICAL NOTES. Dr. Redfield says the South will not fight mit The public mind is quiet, but it is doing a fear-ul amount of thinking.

The Tilden Bureau on Liberty street, New York, still continues to issue ready-made edi-orials for the Democratic press. Its latest is "Gov. Grover Sustained." "Gov. Grover Sustained."

If the average Congressmen who went home to eat his holiday durkey talked much with his neighbors while there, he will return to Washington a good deal enlightened on several points.

The circulation of the report that Chief Justice Waits favors the inauguration of Tilden is quite in keeping with the reckless policy of the Democrate throughout this campaign. Chief Justice Waite has expressed no such opinion. The Hampton government in South Carolin
mpatient to be snuffed out by Federal fo
Unless the authorities at Washington
oromptly the opportunity will be lost. An
glorious death from dry rot is imminent. Congressman Holman, of Indiana, expects to see Tilden inaugurated peaceably. He bases his opinion on reveiations which will be made in Florida and Louisians, and on the evident pros-pect that both Houses of Congress will agree upon some satisfactory plan of esunting the vote. some satisfactory plan of counting the vote.

It would have been wiser for Gov. Grover to
have remained in San Francisco, where, we are
told, at least two thousand Democrats approve of
his course. It is doubtful if he finds any one except Cronin to stand by him in Washington, unless John Morrissey puts in an appearance. The World; says of Mr. Hewitt's charge about the tampering with his letters: "Mr. Hewitt had his suspicions, and did not verify them. In that hase it may be said that he ought not to have made public announcement of them. That may be true, and Mr. Hewitt probably now regrets that he said anything about it."

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Creating two governments is a favorite Democratic custom. The Democrats started an opposition government to the United States between 1860 and 1855, but General Grant broke it down hence it is very natural for them to elect a rebe gainst the regular government in South Ca

HE BURSTS HIS CAGE TO KILL AN OWL AND CLAWS

A CITIZEN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Mr. Alexander Hunter,o rooklyn, is an enthusiast in natural history, and has raised numerous pet birds, whose must one of the potent attractions that draw cus ers to his two sample-rooms. Encouraged by his success in ornithological efforts, Mr. Hunter some years ago procured a young alligator, which, by dint of persistent fondling and judicious feeding, is now decile in the extreme, although it has arrived at years of discretion. Believing that an alligator could be tamed anything else could Mr. Hunter some seven months ago from the captain of a sailing vessel a bea he terms a Mexican tiger. It was just a week old at that time, but was extremely victous, and Mr. Hunter took the precaution to have its teeth extracted and its claws clipped as fast as they

Systematic kindness [and petting failed to con-quer the spirit of the animal, and he has to be onfined in a strong wire cage, which is fastened to the wall of one of the sample-rooms at a height f some seven feet from the floor. Here his ma ignant soul finds its onty vent in hourse snaris ndividuals who poke him up. Yesterday Mr. Hunter had an opportunity to

add to his already extensive collection of birds a picturesquely hideous owl—a creature whose preposterous appearance would move the most pla d cat to wrath. This owl was brought into th ame room with the tiger, and set in his cage by same room with the tiger, and set in his cage by
the fire, in view of the tiger. The result was
disastrous. The tiger caught one glimpse of the
owl, and his cage, which had theretotore been
large enough to afford him a genteel promeande,
suddenly became too small to contain him. For
half a minute or so there was not a part of the
interior of that cage in which the tiger was not
distinctly visible all the time, and the noise of
his snarling overflowed the room and deluged the
sidewalk attracting at once a number of by
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distinctly visions all the time, and the noise of his snarling overflowed the room and deluged the sidewalk, attracting at once a number of bystanders. Presently, after shaking the wires of his cage till they seemed about to give way, he sprang at the door of it, which flew open and gave him egress.

At that moment, according to the testimony of a number of eye-witnesses, the air seemed to be full of that one tiger. The room was luminous with his presence, but he quickly focused on the ow's cage, which he battered wildly in his attempt to get at the frightened limate. The danger of meddling with the beast was not immediately apparent, as he is not much larger than the largest size of ordinary house cats, and an attempt was made by several to tear him away from the cage and restore him to his own quarters. It was only a momentary attempt, however, for as soon as he realized it he mastered the situation by selecting the largest of his assailants, a Mr. Baird, and, springing on his back, he made his way through the substantial clothing and into the fieth beneath. It would probably be difficult now to convince Mr. Baird-that that tiger's claws were ever pared.

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Mr. Baird is very stout and does not look like one given to rapid running, but his time from the stove in the sample-room to the shuffe-board-room below has never been equaled. Reinforcements arrived immediately, and, by throwing a large bag over the tiger, he was captured and put back into his cage, where he spent the remainder of the day in sullen exultation.

A physician was called, who pronounced Mr. Baird's injuries not dangerous, and that gentleman was conveyed home in a carriage, firing a Parthian arrow out of the carriage, window in the shape of a threat of an action for damages.

The owlescaped uninjured, but is ill from fright.

Home of the Colorado Members. The new Colorado Senators occupy two of those taide desks. Did you know that the Ser and Representative from that new State all came from one little mountain town called Central City? Mr. Chaffee has resided recently in Denver, but Central City was the place where he laid the foundation of his public career and his private fortune. It is the queerest little place struggling along the narrow gulch down which the north fork of Clear creek finds its turbulent way. You can't find a square yard of green turf within its limits. People pet a tuft of grass as if it were some precious exotic. The architecture of its ngs and public buildings is unique exc ingly. To go from one street to another mount flights of rude steps or climb incli mount flights of rude steps or climb inclined planes to which Bunyan's hill difficulty was a dead level, and arriving breathless at the latest plateau, gase about on the same bare hills, tora and scarred by the miner's ruthless quest, and hearing everywhere the rude derricks or buildings round some shaft. But the people who live there, those who have wrung from this bleak land its hidden wealth, love it well. You will find the rarest intelligence and refinement is those mining towns, and, oh, the air is an elizer vitæ too inspiring and delicious for description. Brain and nerve and leaping blood declare their delight; you walk with an elasticity you never knew; you think more clearly and swiftly; breathing is a source of distinct and exquisite pleasure, while your eye revels in the glorious grandeur of the crowding mountains all about you.—Anne S. Husted in the Cleveland Plaindealer.

Italian Swindlers Captur (Paris Correspondence of The London Standard, A band of Italian swindlers, who had trans A band of Italian swindlers, who had transferred their operations from Nice to Paris, have just been captured by the French police. Their modus operand; would appear incredible did we not know that the guilibility of human nature is inexhaustible. To mention only one instance: A few days ago a wine merchant on alighting at the Lyons railway station was accorded by a welldressed man, who spoke with an English accent.
"I beg your pardon, sir," said he, "but I am a
stranger in Paris, and as I have several packets stranger in Paris, and as I have several packets of English sovereigns, I should like to change them into French money. Could you tell me where there it a money-changer near?" The shops being closed, the wine merchant offered to collige him by changing some himself, at the rate of 24 france the sovereign, instead of 36 francs, the real value. The wine merchant on doubt thought he had a good bargain, and in exchange for two packets of sovereigns gave the stranger 2,000 franc notes. But on arriving at his hotel the wine merchant discovered that the packets he possessed, instead of containing golden sovereigns, were made up of pieces of common metal. So he informed the police, who put detectives on the watch at the railway stations, and the result was the capture of two of the band while in the act of trying to exchange some more packets of "English sovereigns" with another unsophisticated provincial. Since then the remaining members of the band, seven in all, have been caught. They all had a good deal of money and jeweiry on their persons. The chiefs are named antonio Gabitti, aged 60, and Tiraso, aged 43.

Curious Origin of Words. The derivation of many words in common use curious. Probably few have an idea whence comes the word "tramway," by which the En-glish denote a horse-car track. It is derived from the second syllable of the name Outram. The ancestor of Sir James Outram, a very distin-guished general, who died a few years ago, took a leading part in extending horse railroads for drawing coal, &c., and his roads were called Oudrawing coal, ac, and his roads were called Ou-tram ways, and gradually the first syllable was dropped. Another curious derivation is that of the word "wallop," meaning to beat. "I'll wal-lop you" is still a frequent e-pression in rural England. It arises from a complete naval vic-tory of Admiral Wallop, a member of the very sncient family of which the Earl of Portsmouth— who also has the honor to represent Sir Isaac Newton—is now the head.

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CURIOSITY SHOP.

-To kill time-sleigh it. -"Nought-y, but nice"-\$1,000,000. -It is a misfortune to hug delusions. -Tramps refuse to live on cold snaps. -Blondes are fond of the light, fantas

-A very combly young man is learning the science of barbering.

—To play whist well a man should hold his tongue and a good hand.

—"Beautiful Saow" is a beautiful poem, but there's snow counting for tasts.

—Et'quette does not require you to shake hands with a crowded parior. -The handsomest thing you can do just now is to hand some money to the poor.

-Young people are now expected to tell their burning love on cardinal note paper. -Mrs. Partington says that few persons suffer from suggestions of the brains nowadays -There is a good deal of enforced idle-ness just now, but slippers are being cruelly over-worked.

Sparrows in the squares were looking for food and water yesterday. The crust on the snow was hard. —Christmas suicides were numerous. New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts sach contribute one. -Women may hold all offices in Iowa

—Women may hold all offices in Iowa except those of members of the Legislature and judge of the Superior Courts.

—An old Cobourg (Ont.) distillery is to be converted into a factuory for making matting. The tangle-loot kind, we suppose.

—Young ladies are curious to know why their gentlemen friends always earry mint-drops and coffee in their overcoats in cold weather.

—"You are a fool, my dear," said a noble lord to his little wife. "I believe it, you brute," said she; "I was told so when I married you."

—An old snoozer says he wouldn't mind —An old snoozer says he wouldn't mind being brought before the bar of the House, or any other bar, where he could get a square drink. -Mr. Spilkins mentions as the result of - Tale students are forbidden to sing secular songs, and accordingly have refused to sing at their religious devotions. This means wan.

-We think it is untrue, but a New York aper mays a Lewis county paster has come out of donation party with sixty-one dollars clear —During the past year five different Chicago women have started for church and naver been heard of more. Shall churches be sup-pressed?

—The man who parts his hair in the middle and the female who divides hers at the side of her silly head ought to exchange their -Miss Braddon says of her last heroine,
"Her eyes chained him to the spot." Must have
been links eyed. And had a "cast" in 'em—castiron, for instance.

—When the trains on the Pacific roads stop at the stations they are besieged by squaws who beg dainty articles of diet from the passen-ger's lunch baskets. —If Mr. Moody's choir of five or six, hundred singers will enable him to frighten the evidence of Boston, it will prove the old fellow has no ear for music.

-The Turks claim to be better soldiers than the Russians because they don't drink whisky. Perhaps, also, because they have more of a family to defend. -When cremation becomes more general, it is going to be very convenient to have the sakes of a relative handy to sprinkle on the side

winter mornings. Imperial Casar burnt to ashes May serve to prevent sidewalk smashes. It is said that was not a genuine case love where she pillowed her false head of hair his false bosom. There were two arts that at each other as one. -Down in Alabama they have discov ered a negro child, five years of age, whose body is one half pure white and the other a dark brown They call it a compromise.

—Appropriate—In an old Scriptural en-graving Sarah, the wife of Abraham, is repre-sented riding on a camel, with a camel-Sarah chawf-urrown over her shoulders. —It is quite unnecessary to remind peo-ple to "pull down their vest" this slippery weather, as the rest, and all having anything to do with it, must come down, per force.

—It is a poor policy for a young man to orgage himself to a lady late in the fail. It sometimes happens that the money which goes for a ring is really needed for underclothes. —The average married man can no orger plead "political meeting" as an excuse for ate hours and unsteady step. He will have to all back on the old, old story of "been to the

—An Irish housemaid, boasting of her industrious habits, said she rose at four, made a fire, put on the kettle, propared the breakfast, and made all the beds in the house before any one -A sea serpent five hundred feet long,

ater, is worth -No man need wish for sweeter oppor

tunity of revenge than Christmas effers. Bu your enemy's child a drum, or, if it is to atone to injuries which blood cannot wipe out, send his —The approach of Christmas promotes good feeling. A large and sympathetic crowd gathered yesterday to watch a corpulent citizen crawl over a slippery place on the sidewalk on his hands and knees.

-A benevolent friend sends in the in formation that "of all professions chiropodists are always at the foot and barbers at the head." This joke is rather thin, and not quite up to the required average.

—Miss Sniggins, on being asked if she "liked form and Jerry," replied, with the over beautiful consistency of her sex, that she was "de-voted to George," and did not believe in this pro-miscuous love-making! -There is no way of thoroughly heating the new tabernacle in Boston, and the Moody revival is at a standstill. The intellectual sinners any fiatly that they will not freeze to death if they never get religion.

—Mrs. John Haggerty, of Newark, N., the other day tried to out out her tongae. It scarcely necessary to say she was inaane. Her stimony had sent her husband to prison, and -A man visited a San Francisco statio

house and bet ten dollars that he would be dead in an hour. He won, but the fees of the coroner's ury, who said "cold poison did the work," were double the amount of the stakes.

—When diphtheris, typhoid fever, and pneumonia come along with their dire ravages people must not attribute these diseases to the interposition of Providence, but to their own carelessness in ventilation and drainage. —In a recent voyage across "old ocean's gray and melancholy waste," as Bryant calls it, a gentleman was thrown across a table during a "heavy sea." The report of the accident omits to tell where he landed after getting across.

-New Year's calls will be scarce in Chicago this year. Moody, in one of his meetings, asked all to rise who would promise not to offer strong drink to callers on New Year's day. Nearly the whole congregation stood up. -A coachman is brought before the po-—a concurrent is brought before the po-lice magistrate for running over and killing as old woman. "Why," says the Court, "did you not bear to the left and avoid this accident?" "Because (triumphantly) if I had I would have scraped the panels."

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—Statistics show that young ladies in college obtain a better average on their examination in the same course of studies than young men. Whether this is due to closer application to study or superior intellect is the question now puzzling the brains of some philosophers.

—The prettlest girl in York, Pa., has a stocking which holds half a bushel.—York Dispetch. We don't want you to publicly boast of the superior attractions and talents of your girls, but we have a curiosity to know how many bushels the stocking of the ugliest girl in York will hold. hold.

—For our part, we think that when Paul told them to let the women keep silence in the churches he was merely joking. One little question, however, in case he was in earnest. To quote the language of several clergymen of various denominations, "Who is running this concern, Paul 24.74"

-Some signs may always be relied upon —Some signs may always be relied upon. When a lady makes a young man a present of a handkerchief, and he immediately proceeds to lock it up in a drawer, notwithstanding that he has a cold in the head and his washing hasn't been brought home, it is usually safe to presume that he is in love. -We are glad to see that the ladies are

again forming reading clubs for the winter. The reading club is an organization that discusses the character of Shakspeare's Portia for fitness minutes and the best manner of cutting a basque or the bias for an hour and a haif, and rarely falls to be of great profit. —This thrusting one color in a person's face all the time is not to be tolerated. Smith came home the other night rather late, and his wife, on seeing his condition, exclaimed, "Well, I declare, if your nose isn't getting fashionable, like my new sash!" Not exactly knowing whether to take this as a compliment or not he waited until she mored (?) and then struck a light, and found her sash—cerdinal?

—We heard a young lady remark yesterday that "it is never too cold to go sleighriding." If the horse could speak he would probably express a contrary opinion. But the horse has no young man to scrouge close up to, and no masculine shoulder on which to repose his head, and no arms thrown around him to prevent him falling out of the sleigh, and—but maybe you know how 'tis yourself.

-Stephen Hall, a queer but weak genius, had made frequent gracious promises to his troubled friends that he would put himself out of their way. One stinging cold night he vowed he would go out and freeze to death. About 11 o'clock he returned, shivering and siapping he fingers. "Why don't you freeze?" asked a lowing relative. "Golly," said the pseudo suicide, "when I freeze I mean to take a warmer night for it." -It seems unfortunate that the Center

—It seems unfortunate that the Centen-nial couldn't have extended over the first of Jan, uary. This leaves a man with no resort when he sees a bill collector coming, except the old one of stepping down the cellar and leaving word that he has been called away to the funeral of a rich uncle out West. This does pretty well, as we all know, but it is only generous to the collector that he should have a little novelty now and then. —Of all the countries in the world Italy is the one where there are the most theatres and the fewest accidents. In Milan about there are at least twenty theatres. These theatres are at least twenty theatres. These theatres are all built of stone. The galleries, boxes and parterre have each a separate entry, and it is impossible to penetrate into the rest of the theatre from these entries, so that no two crowds of spontations are invariably of stone, and of well or corksorew shaps, so that there are no sharp angles to stay the progress of a flying multitude.

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